

Dear Parent / Carer

Today marks the end of the formal three weeks of NSB internal Term 5 assessments for GCSEs / A Levels and the school is very pleased with the overall attitude and commitment demonstrated by the students throughout the assessment period. This letter sets out a reminder of the relevant next steps for the students and for the grading process.

Grading Process

The next two school weeks are scheduled for mop up reserve papers for students who were absent during the assessment period and some students will also have been / will be invited in to complete any outstanding coursework in relevant subjects.

Teachers at the school will now be undertaking an intensive four week period of marking and moderation in line with JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) requirements before final grades are submitted by the school to the Examination Boards by June 18th.

Parents / students will be informed of the titles of all the pieces of evidence / assessments that will be considered as part of the holistic grading process for each relevant subject and (for relevant students) further information about the application of access arrangements / special consideration for these assessments. The date for the release of this information to parents / students has been extended to Wednesday, June 9th due to a number of students taking reserve papers next week and in the first few days back after the holiday.

During the week beginning June 21st, parents / students will be informed of the moderated raw marks or, where relevant, grades for each of the assessments / pieces of evidence which have been considered by teachers as part of the grading process. This information will not include the final overall holistic grade for each subject sent to the Exam Board. Teachers will not release or communicate any information about final grades until after results have been issued on the national Results Day for each level of qualification.

On August 10th, A Level / BTEC Sport / EPQ final grades will be issued to students
On August 12th, GCSE final grades will be issued to students

The school will write to parents / students with further details of Results Days and the Appeals Process during Term 6.

Next Steps for the students

Year 12 Further Maths students - have returned and will continue with their A Level studies

Year 13 students - finish school after their last assessment paper and when their coursework is completed. Careers and pastoral support and guidance will continue to be available for all Year 13 students. Please contact Mrs Bradley-Brophy (pastoral) – sbradley-brophy@nsb.northants.sch.uk or Mrs Shaeffer (careers) – nshaeffer@nsb.northants.sch.uk at the school.

Year 11 students - in line with government directive and following assessment and coursework completion, Year 11 will have part time educational provision up to Friday, June

25th which is the national school leaving date for Year 11 students. Most of this provision, in line with DfE guidelines, will be remote, independent transition work set for students to complete at home. This work will be differentiated according to an individual student's next steps.

Where students have applied to return to NSB they will be set NSB A Level / BTEC Stage 1 and Stage 2 transition work in the subjects they have applied for. This work will be sent to students on Monday, May 24th.

Where students have not applied to return to NSB but have applied to undertake A Levels or BTECs in alternative Sixth Forms / Colleges and the subjects applied for match subjects within the NSB Sixth Form curriculum then these students should either complete transition work set by their next educational institution or, if none is set, complete the NSB Stage 1 transition work for their relevant subjects. The NSB transition work will be sent to students on Monday, May 24th.

Where students are undertaking courses or work based training not in line with the NSB Sixth Form curriculum then bespoke work will be set for each relevant student who falls into this category. Mrs Shaeffer, NSB Careers Guidance Adviser, will be in contact with relevant students on Monday, May 24th.

All students will also be set remote personal development work linked to the Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum at the school. This work will be set by Mrs Greenaway after the forthcoming holiday.

Year 11 students may also be invited into school individually for bespoke face to face careers / academic / pastoral / extra-curricular activity support / training as the school deems relevant. Students will be notified individually (normally by Friday, May 28th) for requests for face-to-face attendance during the period up to June 25th.

Year 11 students who wish to take up work experience or apprenticeship opportunities during this period may do so but must inform the school before taking up placement. Set forms for work experience will need to be completed before a placement starts. Students in this position or if parents / students have any questions about work experience / apprenticeships should email workexperience@nsb.northants.sch.uk

Parents / carers of students in the Sixth Form should initially contact Mrs Bradley-Brophy (Director of Sixth Form) if they have any questions regarding this letter. Year 11 parents / carers should contact Mr Kneeshaw (Deputy Headteacher)
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Yours faithfully

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